

The Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services

DMAHS administers the Medicaid program; a federal and state funded health care program that serves approximately 700,000 low-income people, including people who are aged, blind and disabled. In Fiscal Year 2000, the division looked to broaden its reach and increase the assistance provided by its most successful programs.

New Jersey Care 2000 was designed to provide responsive, quality, cost-efficient health care by contracting with health maintenance organizations (HMOs) that provide a comprehensive package of Medicaid health care services.

New Jersey Care 2000 has been operational in all 21 counties with nearly 400,000 Medicaid beneficiaries enrolled in the program.

In October of 2000, DMAHS expanded the New Jersey Care 2000 program to include disabled adults and children with special needs, and called the expanded program "NJ Care 2000+." It is an initiative that shifts Medicaid beneficiaries out of the old fee-for-service system into HMO and Medicaid managed care programs. It is anticipated that approximately 100,000 additional people now will be able to receive benefits through NJ Care 2000+.

In Fiscal Year 2000, DMAHS administered NJ KidCare, a program to provide health care to New Jersey's uninsured children.

However, many parents still remained without health insurance for themselves. So, DMAHS expanded the program to provide health insurance to New Jersey's parents and named it "NJ FamilyCare." Under NJ



FamilyCare, 125,000 uninsured parents began receiving health care coverage and, thanks to this important program, New Jersey's families are now in better health.

**FY'01 total DMAHS Budget
\$3,831,496,000**